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SUBJECT:    Applicant:    Harris, P.A.R.  
                 Serial No:    ~~10/127,176~~  
                 Filed:        December 20, 2001  
                 For:          A FASTENER DEVICE  
                 Examiner:    Wilson, Neill R.  
                 Group:        3679  
                 Docket No:    GJ-220J

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is an Amendment in reply to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2003, in the subject application. Also enclosed is an Extension of Time Within the First Month along with a check for the amount of \$55.00 for the extension filing fee.

If for any reason this Amendment is found to be INCOMPLETE, or if at any time it appears that a TELEPHONE CONFERENCE with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts (781) 890-5678.

If any payment during prosecution is found to be incorrect, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to my Deposit Account No. 09-0002. A copy of this letter is enclosed for use by the Finance Branch in the event that it is necessary to make any charge or credit to my deposit account.

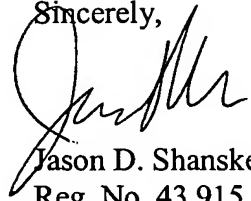
In addition, pursuant to Rule 1.136(a)(3), the Office is hereby authorized to treat any future reply requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor. Also, any request or Petition for an Extension of Time notwithstanding an inadvertent reference

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in the Petition to a shorter period of time is to be treated as requesting the appropriate length of time.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the foregoing by returning the enclosed self-addressed postcard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason D. Shanske", written over the printed name.

Jason D. Shanske  
Reg. No. 43,915

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Enclosures